

went in a right line to the Parsonage-house, took off the cover of all the house in its compass. From hence it passed over the Town without any damage, the rest of the Town being low in scituation, and went on to a place called *Fort-bill*, where it uneloathed so much of a Mault-house as lay within its line and breadth, so as to expose the Mault upon the floor to the open air.

Here may be noted, that *Braybrook* stands in a Valley environ'd by hills on three sides at three quarter of a miles distance from it. But (what I would chiefly observe,) there is an Hill, called by the name of *Clack-bill*, within a mile of it, and exactly in that point of the compass in which the wind then stood; no hill in its way till the wind had passed over all the places it endamaged: And, which is remarkable, there have been two Earth-quakes in this Town within these ten years, when the then gentle Air (or Wind shall I call it) only vibrated upon that point of the Compass.

*A Narrative of two Petrifications in Humane Bodies, communicated by Mr. Christoph. Kirkby in a Letter from Dantzick, dated April 8. 1671.*

THE following Observations (which to me seem uncommon,) were communicated to me by an Ingenious Doctor, my acquaintance, concerning *Petrification* in Humane Bodies; and although you may perhaps have others of the like nature, yet I doubt not but these may have their use, at least they confirm others.

A woman of 56 years of age, unmarried, whose whole course of life had been extremely sedentary, was troubled, some years before her death, with great pains in her back, especially towards the right side, and a continual inclination to and effective vomiting; whose urine, for some time before, was turbid, and as 'twere mingled with blood; yet totally void of sanguinous matter. She was under the hands of the best Doctors in this place, who adjudged that Symptom of Bloody water to have proceeded *ex præmatura cessatione mensium* (which left

left her in the fortieth year of her age; ) thereby perhaps deceived, because there was never either stone or gravel voided by her. But her last *Doctor* (from whom I have this relation,) adjudged it to proceed *ab affectu Nephritico & quidam gravissimo*. This person, when dead of these distempers, was opened by this her last Physician, and among many other common *Phænomena* he found the left *Kidney* filled with large stones, but the right wholly petrified, covered with the ordinary skin without any flesh; the half of which (the other being broken by injurious dissection) representing still the *Kidney*, I have seen, which was both massy and ponderous, so concreted by the closer coalition of minute sand, which might be rubbed off by your finger.

The other was a Lad about nineteen years old, who from his Cradle was disposed to a Consumption, accompanied with continual Coughing, great emaciation and continual heat, so that he was reduced to a *Skeleton*, and labouring under this distemper died. Being opened, a great quantity of watry matter run out at the *abdomen*, of a chylous consistence; most, yea almost all the glanduls of the *Mesentery*, through which pass the *venæ lacteæ*, were extraordinary great and hardned beyond the hardness of a *Scirrhus*. The Breast being opened, the Lungs were found grown to it round about, almost inseparable, full of purulent ulcers, but more especially the left side, obstructed and filled with much gravel and small stones; yea, whole pieces of the Lungs, especially the extremities, about the thickness of a finger and more, were hardned into a stony matter.

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*An Account of Four Books.*

I. *Francisci de le Boe Sylvii PRAXIS MEDICÆ Idea nova*, Lugduni Batav. 1671.

THE Learned and Experienced Author of this work, desiring to furnish his Auditors with a compendious *Medical Practise*, and to do it after the Method of that Excellent and Happy Physician *Platerus*, did propose to himself to handle chiefly of the more *Simple Affections* of the Humane Body, because they being well understood, the knowledge of those that are *Complicate* will not be difficult to attain.